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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



LOADS

Majority prices for next week are trending lower in the East, mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with scattered features. Food service was fair to fairly good, best for fast food, catering services, and shopping center food courts. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was seasonally fair to moderate, instances better where weekend needs increased. Wings were more available, but moving, and the remaining items were irregular, but obtainable if needed. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of readyto-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/15/03-12/19/03 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

RANGE

(Inclu	uding branded pr	WTD		
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	<u>AVG</u>	LOADS
Delivered to Fir	st Receivers			
Chicago	56.00-59.00	56.00-66.00	58.50	24
Los Angeles	74.00			
New York	60.00-62.00			
Southeast Area	FOB Dock Equi	valent		
Mississippi	68.50-69.50	55.00-70.00	68.32	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.00 cents based on icepacked USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR **EQUIVALENT** FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.

904 64	.26-72.48	68.80				
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price						
on ice packed parts:	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME				
<u>ITEM</u>	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)				
LINE RUN TENDERS	202.50	1,346				
BREASTS - B/S	171.00	5,462				
BREASTS - WHOLE	89.00	1,443				
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50	998				
LEG QUARTERS	30.50	7,626				
WINGS	103.50	2,959				

103.50 This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged form Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was cautiously steady to barely steady, undertone weak. Offerings were moderate and fully adequate for the light trade needs. Retail demand light to fair at best with several receivers noting disappointment in weekend orders. Food service was remained irregular, mostly moderate, instances good into shopping center food courts and catering. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Weights were in a desirable range. In the parts complex, product was generally in balance with limited trade interest or need. The market tone remained steady on all items.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand entering the weekend was seasonally light, best for ads and other holiday meat items. Food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions and caterers for holiday parties. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy limited trade needs. In the parts structure, wings in balance and continued to move well. All other items were mixed, but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady. Offerings fully adequate. Retailer demand just fair overall, best to features and restaurants to feed shoppers and Christmas partiers. Dealers expected moderate weekend carryovers.

Ads this week:

Southern California- California grown wholebody 49-99, cut up 128, boneless breasts 177-399, marinated 499, IQF 4# 999, boneless leg 87-129, breasts 97-199, IQF 79, legs 79-97, leg quarters 33-77, thighs 57-129, drums 57-129, 5# bag 295, cornish hens 129, gizzards 99, feet 99; deli cooked- rotisserie 398-449, 8pc fried thighs and drums 299-399, 15pc 499, fried mixed 8pc 399, 32pc part tray 2499.

Northern California- boneless breasts 499, breasts 99, leg quarters 89, thighs 89, drums 89, cornish hens 149, roaster 129. Arizona- Southern wholebody 99, boneless breasts 197-349, IQF 2.5# 699, 4# 999, breasts 99, thighs 79-129, drums 79-129, cornish hens 2 for \$7; deli cooked- wings 299.

Colorado- Southern wholebody 99, boneless breasts 179-249, IQF 2.5# 699, 4# 999, breasts 199, buy 1 get 1, thighs 119-129, buy 1 get 1, drums 119-129, buy 1 get 1, cornish hens 2 for \$6, roaster buy 1 get 1.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-tocook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally fair to moderate at best. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate with the 3 pound and lighter birds noted in the longest position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was lackluster. The market tone was steady on the 3.5 to 4 pound birds but no better than steady on the smaller sizes. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were adequate. Boneless-skinless breasts were readily available at discounted levels. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. The balance of cuts were generally adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready to cook whole birds was light to moderate and best where retail ad activity was either planned or currently in place. Seller offerings were fully sufficient in meeting present inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower at 61 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Legs were in balance to closely cleared. Leg quarters were well cleared to fully adequate. Wings were adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA. BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE		58-77
WEIGHTED AVE	64.59	
NO. OF BOXES		9,760
CUMULATIVE	12/08/03-12/12/03	64.96
	12/09/02-12/13/02	54.11
NO. OF BOXES	12/08/03-12/12/03	40,428
	12/09/02-12/13/02	41,457

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

DECEMBER 11, 2003

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

DECEMBER 12, 2003
NEGOTIATIONS) TRUCKLOT AND LESS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

,	POUNI	os		WTD	POUNDS	S			WEEK	LY
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	<u>(000)</u>	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	752	129.00-223.00	132-135	134.47	747	129.00-223.00	132-135	134.53	4,110	135.21
TENDERLOINS	150	140.00-215.00	140-147	153.20	140	140.00-215.00	140-147	153.64	835	152.57
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	82.00-93.00	83-85	84.88	77	83.00-93.00	83-85	84.91	393	84.59
FRONT HALVES	-	TOO FEW TO RE	EPORT		TC	O FEW TO REP	ORT		233	76.97
LEGS	89	37.00-51.00	37-38	38.42	88	37.00-50.00	37-38	38.18	443	38.31
LEG QUARTERS (BULK	250	26.00-29.00	26	26.44	260	26.00-29.00	26	26.46	1,280	26.45
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,165	28.00-32.00	29-31	29.88	1,225	28.00-33.00	29-31	29.78	5,680	29.86
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	99.00-107.00	-	104.76	300	99.00-107.00	-	104.73	1,491	104.46
WINGS (CUT)	457	107.00-119.00	111-115	112.91	347	107.00-119.00	111-115	112.36	2,235	112.70
DRUMSTICKS	-	TOO FEW TO RE	EPORT		TC	O FEW TO REP	ORT		71	54.27
THIGHS	-	TOO FEW TO RE	EPORT		TC	O FEW TO REP	ORT		141	51.44
B/S THIGHS	-	TOO FEW TO RE	EPORT		■ TC	O FEW TO REP	ORT		400	94.00

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE RANGE SOLUTION SO

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity increased slightly but was seasonally fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts remained available at discounted levels. Bone-in breasts were generally sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate. Wings were clearing well. The market tone was cautious on boneless-skinless breasts, at least steady on bone-in breasts and wings, and mostly steady on the balance.

ICE PKD BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT & TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND. DEC 12, 2003

CURRENT NE	G WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD			WEEKLY
TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVO	VOL/LBS
145	142.73	495,800	145	146.51	665,781	145.60	3,162,216
145	143.89	106,440	145	143.88	150,120	142.93	652,490
76-77	83.56	124,280	76-77	82.65	224,701	83.13	762,541
76	75.59	101,520	76	77.76	89,320	77.24	543,360
38-39	37.36	277,440	38-39	37.61	309,760	37.09	1,829,240
29-30	29.53	362,920	29-30	29.43	437,913	29.54	1,843,700
36-37	40.62	125,880	36-37	39.19	138,100	38.96	777,419
35-36	36.19	88,800	35-36	41.27	98,860	39.47	479,320
85-86	86.43	70,820	85-86	89.47	85,820	88.05	371,910
93-94	103.98	112,880	93-94	95.52	177,300	99.36	711,820
PED) 10-12	12.08	41,560	10-12	11.53	46,080	11.88	207,960
35-40	42.18	12,360	35-40	33.79	15,480	34.11	87,890
60-65	68.04	19,960	60-65	66.02	20,240	68.09	108,220
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INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)								
					A۷	'G		AVG
	<u>ESTIN</u>	MATED	AC'	TUAL	<u>W</u>	<u>ΓS</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>WTS</u>
	12/12	12/11	12/10	12/09	12/10	12/09	12/05	12/03
ALA	4,263	3,944	3,836	3,917	5.18	5.22	4,403	5.23
ARK	5,146	5,352	5,347	5,345	5.08	5.12	5,521	5.17
DELMAR\	/A 2,104	2,199	2,043	2,226	5.46	5.55	2,444	5.47
KY-LA-TN	1,921	1,996	1,983	1,734	4.92	4.80	1,963	4.97
MISS	2,661	2,955	2,888	3,012	5.30	5.48	2,745	5.40
NC	2,328	2,461	2,431	2,419	6.35	6.37	2,349	6.35
TEXAS	2,446	2,468	2,361	2,421	4.91	5.12	2,484	4.99
TOTAL	20,869	21,375	20,889	21,074	5.28	5.35	21,909	5.34
MON-FRI106,025 105,893 (A)								
(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.								
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Dec 03 and 13-								
Dec-03 is estimated to be 31,222,000 down 5.03 percent from a week								

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Dec 03 and 13 Dec-03 is estimated to be 31,222,000 down 5.03 percent from a week ago and down 0.2 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,877,000; last year 31,29,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 13-Dec-03 is estimated to be 154,121,000 head down 1 percent from a week ago, and unchange 0 from a year ago.

(Last week 154,912,000 Last year 154,894,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA	<u>) PROCESSED POULTRY,</u>	
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUT	HERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. A	REA
	RANGE	

91-97

ROASTERS 4# & UP 81-95
HENS UNDER 5#
HENS OVER 5# 60-63
DUCKS -

RABBITS-WHOLE RABBITS-CUT UP

FRESH FRYERS

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	99-100
	DRY PACK	101-1030
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	89-105
	DRY PACK	105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	89
DUCKS		152-175

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending 29-Nov-03.

classified by five	weight, week endin	g 29-110v-03.	
(Preliminary),	(A) Fast food/	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
•	Food service	. ,	
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
		DUSANDS	
Head	17,845	17,766	35,324
Avg Weight	3.71	4.69	6.38
% of total /1	25%	25%	50%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	24,513	25,381	46,333
Avg Weight	3.76	4.77	6.28
% of total /1	25%	26%	48%
Same week, yr a	go /2 22,727	20,197	34,432
Avg Weight	3.79	4.74	6.18
% of total /1	29%	26%	45%
To date/2003	1,118,259	1,149,844	2,130,997
To date/2002	1,229,296	1,080,063	1,976,526

- /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.
- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 06-Dec-03

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL		
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS	
		THO	USANDS.			
HEAD	154,912	1,399	1,437	2,836	394	
AVG WT	5.45	3.78	8.01	5.92	6.62	
LAST WEEK	118,334	668	897	1,565	305	
SAME WK YR AG	O 151,980	1,739	1,425	3,164	408	
AVG WT	5.13	3.62	7.87	5.53	6.55	
TO-DATE/2003	7,511,270	69,258	68,510	137,768	20,199	
TO-DATE/2002	7,570,901	84,862	69,353	154,215	20,356	
(A) TI						

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.8 million head or 6.6 million head more than or 104% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: DEC 09, 2003 PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.90 -1.00	Silkies	1.75 -2.00ea
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.8595	Pigeons	2.10 -2.25ea
Pekin Ducks	2.00 -3.00ea	White Pigeons	3.00 -3.85ea
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.3540	Rabbits 4-6 LB	S1.70 -2.00
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.4050	Rabbits 6-9 LB	S1.50 -1.60
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.5060	Bunnies	2.00 -8.00ea
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 L	BS .6090	Guinea Pigs	2.00 -6.00ea
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 I	_BS.4560	Pullets 4-6 LBS	1.00
Guinea Fowl	1.25 -1.30		
Banty Roosters	2.00 -2.25ea		
Banty Hens	1.00 -1.50ea		
Leghorn Roosters	.0709		
Total Coops Sold	305		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 08-DEC-2003 **DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	FROZEN 140	FRESH 146
MIDWEST MOSTLY	124-128	125-130

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED RANGE MOSTLY

		IVAITOL	MOOILI
ICE PACKED (12 PER E	BOX)	72.00-74.50	72.00-73.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9	PER BOX)	67.00-85.50	69.00-75.00
SQUABS: NEW YORK ARE	EA WHOLES	ALE PRICES, F	ROZEN, PLANT
GRADE, DOLLARS PER	DOZEN, 1	TO 10 BOXES	
12 OZ.		60.48-69.66	
14 OZ.		66.96-76.14	
16 OZ.		73.44-83.43	

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to good. Schedules full-time. Weights were desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.45, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 08-DEC-2003.

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	107-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION H	HEAD	
WEEK ENDING		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABI	E PCT	AVG WT
NOVEMBER	1	159.7	157.2	102%	5.36
	8	160.0	154.5	104%	5.04
	15	159.0	151.7	105%	5.30
	22	153.1	149.1	103%	5.25
	29	119.8	149.6	80%	5.35
DECEMBER	6	156.8	150.2	104%	5.45
YEAR TO DATE		7,602.6	7,669.6	99%	
DECEMBER	13		150.2		
	20		147.8		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

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THOUSANDS					
W/E	12/13/03	12/06/03	<u>% CHG</u>	12/14/02	<u>% CHG</u>
Broilers	154,121	154,912*	-01	154,894*	0
Cattle	620	622	0	648*	-04
Hogs	2,147	2,120	+01	2,019*	+06
Under Federal Inspection * ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majortiy prices were unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate. Trading was light to no better than fair. Available offerings were clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

21-25.5 MAJORITY 23.5-24.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)

23-27 MAJORITY 26 31.5-38 MAJORITY 35.5-37.5

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were at least adequate for processing schedules that were mostly normal. Demand was fair to moderate. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 0-12 10-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Negotiations for disposal of light fowl were TFEWR. Demand was light for ample offerings. Schedules were at desired volume for a moderate call for finished

product. Salvage costs were expected to remain constant

RANGE MAJORITY
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand seasonally active. Opinions of value were steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 4.5-12.5 10-12.25

<u>WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN</u> Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

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HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-DEC-03

<u>SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN</u> Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS</u> Trading levels were generally steady. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were seasonal active. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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MISC. POULTRY: Seasonal/Weekly NEW YORK SEASONAL HOLIDAY ITEMS. FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF December 01, 2003.

CAPONS:

Supplies of USDA Grade A frozen capons were in close balance. Processors were busy with December bookings. Prices to first receivers were unchanged. Weights were in a full range. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

6-9 LBS. 1.55-1.75 MOSTLY 1.60-1.70

GEESE:

Prices were unchanged. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese were in good balance. Processors were actively packing against prior bookings for December holiday needs. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

8-16 LBS. 2.25-2.35

MISC. POULTRY: Weekly New York City Seasonal Poultry (Wed) FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 08, 2003.

CAPONS:

Supplies of USDA Grade A frozen capons were in close balance. Movement into marketing channels was moderate to good. Prices to first receivers were unchanged. Weights were in a full range. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

6-9 LBS. 1.55-1.75 MOSTLY 1.60-1.70

GEESE:

Prices were unchanged. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese were in good balance to tight. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair to fairly good. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

8-16 LBS. 2.25-2.35

PRICES REPORTED FROM LATE OCTOBER THRU MID DECEMBER.